

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying a directory structure of a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

examining a directory structure and attributes of data files recorded on the recording medium;

generating a mark for visually differentiating directories including at least one file of a pre-specified attribute, based on the examined attribute information; and

displaying the generated mark in association with the examined directory structure information.

2. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said pre-specified attribute is 'MP3' music.

3. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said displaying step further displays each file of said pre-specified attribute differently from files having other attributes.

4. The method set forth in claim 3, wherein a display screen according to said displaying step includes the uppermost directory information for said each file.

5. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said mark for visually differentiating a directory is displayed in connection with the name of a directory, including at least one file of said pre-specified attribute.

6. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said mark for visually differentiating a directory is displayed in association with the name of a directory not including any file of said pre-specified attribute.

7. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said mark for visually differentiating a directory is information on the number of files included in a directory.

8. The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said displaying step displays a directory structure and files horizontally in a top-down or a bottom-up scheme.

9. A method of displaying directory structure of a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

examining a directory structure and attributes of data files recorded in a recording medium; and

selecting one or more directories including at least one file of a pre-specified attribute based on the examined attribute information, and displaying the selected directories with their respective hierarchical structures.

10. The method set forth in claim 9, wherein said selecting and displaying step further displays filenames of the pre-specified attribute files under the selected directories.

11. A method of displaying a directory structure of a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

examining a directory structure and attributes of data files recorded in the recording medium;

selecting a file of a pre-specified attribute based on the examined attribute information; and

displaying the hierarchical directory structure for the selected file.

12. The method set forth in claim 11, wherein said pre-specified attribute is 'MP3' music.

13. The method set forth in claim 11, wherein said displaying step displays the uppermost directory including the selected file, next to filename of the selected file.

14. The method set forth in claim 11, wherein said displaying step displays the hierarchical directory structure horizontally in a top-down or a bottom-up scheme.

15. The method set forth in claim 11, wherein said displaying step displays directories in different windows divided from a displaying screen, based on whether or not the directory contains a file having said pre-specified attribute.

16. The method set forth in claim 15, wherein said displaying step displays files having said pre-specified attribute before displaying files having other attributes.